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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDY OF THE PROVISION OF
COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 359 of public act 15-5 of the June special session is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of
5 Public Health shall study the effectiveness of providing community-
6 based health care services in the state. Such study shall include, but not
7 be limited to, a review of (1) the health care needs of persons who
8 access the 9-1-1 system when the emergency department is not the
9 most appropriate place for such persons to receive such services, (2)
10 the feasibility of providing short-term follow-up home visits for
11 persons who have recently been discharged from a hospital until such
12 time as other health care providers are able to provide home visits or
13 other follow-up health care services, (3) the need and feasibility of
14 emergency medical services personnel to provide home visits to
15 persons who are at a high risk of being frequent, repeat users of the

16 emergency department to help such persons manage their chronic
17 diseases and adhere to medication plans, (4) the need to provide
18 ancillary primary care services for populations in areas where there is
19 a high utilization of the 9-1-1 system for nonemergency situations, (5)
20 the current best practices in mobile integrated health care, (6) the scope
21 of practice for emergency medical services personnel, (7) practice
22 guidelines for community-based health care services, [and] (8)
23 Medicaid authority under which community-based health care
24 services may be covered, (9) the cost savings to Medicaid, if any, from
25 the reduction in the transportation to the emergency department of
26 persons with nonemergency situations who access the 9-1-1 emergency
27 system, and (10) payment models for expanded services by emergency
28 medical services personnel for the provision of community-based
29 health care services, other than the stabilization or transport of
30 patients, that have been developed by commercial payers.

31 (b) Not later than February 1, 2016, the Commissioners of Social
32 Services and Public Health shall submit a preliminary report, in
33 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
34 on the study performed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive,
35 of subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
37 services and public health.

38 (c) Not later than October 1, 2016, the Commissioners of Social
39 Services and Public Health shall submit a preliminary report, in
40 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
41 on the study performed pursuant to subdivisions (9) and (10) of
42 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
44 services and public health.

45 [(c)] (d) Not later than [June] December 1, 2016, the Commissioners
46 of Social Services and Public Health shall submit a final report, in
47 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

48 on the results of the study performed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
49 section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
50 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and public
51 health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 15-5 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 359

Statement of Purpose:

To require the study of the effectiveness of providing community-based health care services to include cost savings to Medicaid and payment models for expanded services by emergency medical services personnel.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]